

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Woollard S4732

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832
The State of Ohio County of Clinton: SS

On this 5th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court George J Smith President Judge and Jesse Hughes, Aaron Sewell and James Eakin Esquire his Associates in office constituting the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County now sitting John Woollard a resident of Richland Township in the County of Clinton and State of Ohio who states that according to the best information he has received he was born sometime in the year 1744 in the County of Loudon [Loudoun] and State of Virginia where he resided until about the 1st of September 1780 when he volunteered on an expedition to the Westward destined against the Indians. That he volunteered for 6 months and joined the Company commanded by Captain James Radican, his Lieutenant was Thomas Cavens and __ Hutchinun [sic, William Hutchison?] Ensign. That the Company first paraded in said County of Loudoun about the 1st day of September 1780 aforesaid under the said Radican from thence the said Company consisting of about 70 or 80 noncommissioned officers and privates, was marched from said County of Loudoun to Pittsburgh or Fort Pitt as it was then called where they took water and descended the Ohio River to Wheeling where they arrived about the first day of October and were then stationed in the Fort at that place under the command of Colonel James Shepherd who was the principal officer then and there in command. The said Company occupied said Fort until about the first day of March 1781 when they were discharged having served a tour of duty for six months in which this deponent was engaged all the time as a member of said Company in the service of the United States. This deponent then returned to his residence in said County of Loudoun without receiving any written discharge it being in the same year that Cornwallis was taken. About a month afterwards he was drafted into the service of the United States on a tour of duty for three months. He was attached to the Company commanded by Captain Hugh Douglass [Hugh Douglas]; his Lieutenant was Thomas King and Abraham Mason Ensign. The Company was attached to the Battalion commanded by Major Thomas Risby. The Battalion was marched to Richmond from thence to Williamsburg Virginia and from thence down the country some distance below Williamsburg to an encampment where a certain Colonel Manyweather [Thomas Meriwether] of the Regular Service had the command. The said Battalion was attached to said encampment and were detained there under the command of said Meriwether until about the first day of July 1781 when they were released by the arrival of other militia and were discharged having served a tour of duty of 3 months. There was no written discharges given to the deponent for the former or latter tour as aforesaid nor to any other member of said Companies to the recollection of this deponent, but he solemnly avers that he did faithfully served in both said tours for the terms aforesaid making in all 9 months in the service of his Country. After said last

discharge he again returned to said County of Loudoun where he lived until the year 1817 when he removed his present residence in Ohio where he has resided ever since and is now to the best of his knowledge and belief about 88 years of age. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State. This deponent further saith that he does not at this time know one single member or officer of either of the said Companies to which he belonged as above set forth now living or any other person to whom he is known and by whom he can prove his services as above set forth, nor has he any documentary evidence whatever to produce in proof of such service.

S/ John Woollard, X his mark

[John Allen and William Sinclair gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]